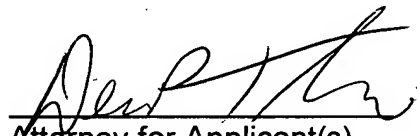


## REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing Preliminary Amendment, claims 19-22, 24, 26-27 and 29 have been cancelled, claims 1-16, 18, 23, 25 and 28 have been amended, and new claims 30 and 31 have been added. Accordingly, claims 1-16, 17, 18, 23, 25, 28, 30 and 31 as amended are presented for examination.

The fees inclusive of the charges for claims as presented hereinabove have been calculated and charge authorized per the Transmittal Letter under 35 USC §371 submitted concurrently herewith. No further fee is required in connection the filing of this Amendment. If any additional fees are deemed necessary, authorization is given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 08-2525.

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